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PROCEEDINGS OF BROWN COUNTY SOLID WASTE BOARD

A regular meeting was held on **January 17, 2011**, 1:30 p.m., at the Brown County Materials Recycling Facility, 2561 S. Broadway, Green Bay, WI.

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mike Strenski at 1:35 pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Strenski, Chair
John Katers, Vice-Chair
Norb Dantine
Mike Fleck
Mark Vanden Busch

Excused: Jim Rasmussen, Secretary
Chuck Rhyner
Bud Harris

Also Present: Charles Larscheid, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
Chad Doverspike, Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.

3. Approval/Modification – Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the meeting agenda was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck. Unanimously approved.

4. Approval/Modification – Meeting Minutes November 22, 2010

A motion to approve the November 22, 2010 meeting minutes was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers. Unanimously approved.

5. Request to waive H.H.W. drug disposal fee for N.E.W. Clinic (Request for Approval)

NEW Clinic approached Brown County regarding a one-time request for assistance in disposing of donated medications from various church groups and pharmacies. The current collection sites only take drugs from residents. Brown County's cost to dispose of the medications collected by NEW Clinic would be about \$250 to \$300. Staff is concerned that agreeing to take these materials from NEW Clinic would set a precedent for other nonprofits and would create the false impression that the Hazardous Waste Facility is a collection site for unused medications.

The Hazardous Waste Facility started working with different groups a few years ago to collect and properly dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs from residents. As mentioned at last month's meeting, the Village of Ashwaubenon received a grant to begin a collection site. There are currently three sites available to Brown County residents for the disposal of drugs/medications (Brown County Sheriff's Department, City of Green Bay Police Department,

and most recently the Village of Ashwaubenon). Currently all drugs brought to any of the three drop-off sites are gone through by the Sheriff's Department in order to pull out all controlled drugs which are taken to the Pulium Plant for incineration. The Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility is not allowed to collect any controlled medications. The non-controlled drugs/medications are brought to the Hazardous Waste Facility for disposal. The only costs incurred by Brown County are for disposal costs of \$0.06 per pound or \$70 per drum.

A suggestion was made to create a committee to discuss Brown County's long-term and short-term involvement in the disposal of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications. Educating the public was also discussed.

A motion to deny the waiver because of the precedent it would send to other non-profits or other groups that would make the same request was made by John Katers and seconded by Norb Dantine. Unanimously approved.

6. EPA Training Grant (Request for Approval)

An EPA grant for job training was forwarded to the P&SW Department from Aaron Schuette, Brown County. HAZWOP training is included in the grant and this is training P&SW staff is required to have. Although a formal budget has not been put together yet, approximately 13 grants totaling \$4M will be awarded (\$300,000 per grant application). Staff recommended applying for this grant as it would allow for additional training for Solid Waste staff as well as county-wide for training in Emergency Management and/or the Sheriff's Department. A handout of the grant information was distributed to the Board. The grant deadline is March 18, 2011. Staff estimated the cost for P&SW training at \$5000 to \$10,000. There is no cost-share requirement for this grant.

A motion to have staff move forward with grant application was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by Mike Fleck. Unanimously approved.

Staff noted that due to the March 18, 2011 application deadline for this grant, that the County Board approved submission of an application prior to this item being brought before the PD&T and County Board. It was suggested that the Northeast Wisconsin Technical College be contacted as to their interest in this grant as this would allow Brown County to demonstrate a broader reach of training.

7. 2010 Port and Solid Waste facility tonnage totals

A PowerPoint presentation of the year-end tonnages was presented although staff noted financial ramifications of the year-end tonnage are incomplete. Staff has had to request some budget adjustments. The 2010 Solid Waste tonnage to be disposed of directly at Winnebago County Landfill by Brown County, Fox River Fiber and DePere Treatment Plant was budgeted for 210,000 tons - actual tonnage is 222,000 tons. The 2011 budgeted amount from Brown County in the Tri-County Plan is 206,000 tons. The 2010 total tonnage budgeted for all three counties was 546,000 tons - actual tonnage was 590,000 tons. Brown County had 12,000 tons more than what was budgeted and will need approval from Administration and the County Board to pay for the additional disposal and hauling costs.

The Board asked about the current status of customers with outstanding balances at the Transfer Station, specifically Larry's Hauling who has over \$200,000 in outstanding charges. Brown County Corporation Counsel is continuing to look into this situation. Staff was not aware of any other accounts with any substantial outstanding balances.

Gas-to-Energy was budgeted at \$720,000 (\$60,000 per month) - actual revenue was \$758,000 and expenses were less than expected. Staff noted that the engines are currently at 65% and will never run at 100% capacity. As discussed at previous meetings, the blower motors will be

changed from 100hp to 50hp which will save approximately \$13,000 annually on electrical costs. The 100hp blower will be sold to Marathon County. Brown County currently has a 2-year contract with FABCO with the option of three one-year extensions. The one-year extension would be based on the cpi for the following year which for 2010 was 1.25%. Brown County has the contract locked in for 2011 and is still negotiating on 2012 and 2013.

Single Stream tonnage was budgeted at 18,700 tons for Brown County's share. During the last month of 2010 Brown County's tonnage doubled. Staff noted that material is now being accepted from two new customers (Great American Disposal and North County Disposal). Total capacity at the Single Stream Recycling Facility is 80,000 tons per year. Total tonnage at the facility for 2010, which was the first full year of operation, was 50,000 tons. The Village of Allouez converted to Single Stream in January 2011, the City of Green Bay has been converting to single stream and staff expects Humboldt to go single stream also. This will add additional tonnage for Brown County and staff estimates a conservative 20,000 tons for 2011.

Hazardous Waste tonnage has increased drastically due to the electronics ban which took effect September 1, 2010. More than half the residents coming to the HHW facility have electronics. The collection of electronics provides a revenue stream for Brown County as residents are charged \$0.20 per pound and businesses are charged \$0.40 per pound. The City of Green Bay brings in 1000# to 1500# of electronics every other week. Staff is currently looking at possibly receiving payment to have the electronics picked up and hauled away. The facility is still short of breaking even and is subsidized 40% by Brown County and 40% by the GBMSD. Mark Walters and Chris Blan along with the three aides were commended for handling the additional workload which also includes managing the tip floor, loading trucks and handling all the material at HHW. Staff however, noted this is generally the "slow" time of the year for HHW. There tends to be an influx of residents in spring bringing in more chemical-based waste. In Spring, 2011 Brown County will also begin the Outagamie & Winnebago Collections. Outagamie County will have collections on the first Wednesday and fourth Saturday every month. Winnebago collections will be held every other Wednesday and Saturday. These collections will begin in March and run through October. The 2011 budget includes a full-time intern position to assist HHW during this time.

8. Director's Report

- Part-time Scale Operator

One of the two part-time scale operators retired in September 2010 but continued working Saturdays until November. Approval to fill this part-time position was received in December 2010. The full-time scale operator went in for surgery and due to complications will be out until February 2011. This leaves only one part-time scale operator who is budgeted for 16 hours per week but is currently working over 50 hours per week. Chad Doverspike, Facility Manager, is the fallback person; however as an administrative employee should not be performing a union job. Staff requested and received approval to hire a temporary part-time person. The part-time employee who had resigned in November has agreed to work some Saturdays.

- Solid Waste Board Appointment

Mike Van Lanen, Chair for the Town of Scott, is being appointed to the Solid Waste Board rural position, although this has not been approved by the County Board.

- Oneida Seven Gens Corporation Waste Gasification Project

Staff contacted Kevin Cornelius, Chair of the Oneida Seven Gens Corporation, and requested an update on their current gasification project. Cornelius indicated they are expecting to obtain two federal permits (stormwater & air) by the end of March. The air

permit would result in a public comment period which will hopefully clear up a lot of the current misunderstandings.

- HHW closure

The Hazardous Waste Facility was closed for two weeks over the holidays. During this time HHW staff was able to get things organized and pressure washed the floors.

- Summer Intern

One full-time summer intern is budgeted to begin in March or April.

- Vande Hey Farm Sale

Due to questions at the County Board level, this agenda item was sent back to Planning, Development & Transportation (PD&T). PD&T reviewed and answered the questions presented by the County Board. This agenda item will be reviewed next Wednesday by the County Board.

- Winnebago County Landfill

Winnebago County Landfill has about one year and a quarter of capacity left. Outagamie County will finish construction of its landfill this summer. Brown County will be transitioning to Outagamie towards the end of the year. Winnebago will continue filling their landfill for about 3 or 4 months at which time they also will start coming to Outagamie County.

This will end the most expensive phase for Brown County. Recently the County Directors and SWB Chairs from Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago met to discuss the recycling and solid waste agreements. Discussion included increasing tonnage at the BOW MRF and also what happens to the Solid Waste Agreement once Brown County's landfill is filled.

- Veolia

Winnebago County has dumpsters they lease out and part of the lease is that the dumpster must be brought to Winnebago County Landfill for disposal. Johnson Trucking had the contract with Winnebago to haul those dumpsters. Recently Veolia bought out Johnson Trucking. Since Veolia has their own landfill, discussion ensued on a possible swap agreement between Veolia and Winnebago similar to the one Brown County had with Veolia.

- Recycling Guide

The recycling guide was last published in 2009. An estimate to have a recycling guide published again in April 2011 to coincide with Earth Week was received from the Green Bay Press Gazette. Mark Walter, Facility Manager, has been contacting communities to update their information. The Department has continued to receive requests for recycling information; however, the 2009 edition was no longer being distributed because of outdated and incorrect information. As in the past, ads will be sold in the recycling guide which will help to decrease the final printing costs to Brown County. The brochure will be sent to all communities in an Adobe PDF format. Mark Walter is also contacting municipalities to obtain an estimate on how many brochures will be needed. It is estimated at this time that approximately 50,000 brochures will be printed. The Board asked if this information would also be on-line. Mark Walter stated he did not know since that had not been done in the past, however, Director Larscheid stated that was a good idea.

- Agenda Packets Sent Electronically

Staff noted that the agenda and minutes were sent by email and asked the Board if they felt there were any problems with this. Although there were no other attachments this month, sending the information by email would save the department money on postage and paper/copy costs. The Board felt sending the information electronically was fine and

that if someone did require hard copies for the meeting, they could send the Typist an email requesting such. Any attachments would be scanned by the Typist and sent in a PDF file to the Board members. Staff felt this would not take more than 10 to 15 minutes to accomplish.

- **DNR Update**

Staff provided an update on the new DNR personnel: Cathy Stepp is the new Secretary, Matt Maroney is the Deputy Secretary and Scott Gunderson is the Executive Assistant. Staff noted that about 15 people in the local DNR office have left due to a change in State retirement and pension benefits.

9. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law

Chair Strenski stated he ran into the former Board Member Allison Swanson who was promoting the Zippin Pippin.

Chair Strenski also reminded Board members to turn in their 2010 mileage logs for reimbursement.

10. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Norb Dantine and seconded by John Katers.

Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 2.55pm.

Mike Strenski, Chair
Solid Waste Board

Charles Larscheid, Director
Port & Solid Waste Department